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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1, 6, and 13 are canceled, claims 2-5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17 are revised, and new claims 29-39 are added to place this application in immediate condition for allowance. Currently, claims 2-5, 7-12, and 13-39 are before the Examiner for consideration on their merits.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9, 11-15 and 17-27 (assuming meant 28) contained allowable subject matter. In view of this indication, claims 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17 are rewritten into independent form. Claim 13 has been combined with claim 12 since the subject matter of these two claims was analogous.

In addition to the revision of claims 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17, claims 2-5 are made dependent on claim 9. New claims 29-32, which correspond to claims 2-5 are now dependent on claim 11. New claims 33-36, which correspond to claims 2-5, are now dependent on claim 12. Claim 7 is made dependent on claim 14, with new claims 37-39, which correspond to claims 7, 8, and 10, depend from claim 15.

In light of the revisions to the claims, all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to examine this application and pass all pending claims onto issuance.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful in expediting the allowance of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 202-835-1753.

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The above constitutes a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action dated September 17, 2008.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants petition for a two month extension of time. A check in the amount of \$991.00 is attached for the extension of time fee (\$245), extra claims fee (16 claims over 20 -- \$416) and extra independent claims fee (3 over 3 -- \$330). Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

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